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FM AMEMBASSY ROME
TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 4144
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ATTENTION: A ONLY FOR HOWE

E.O. 11652: N/A
TAGS: CGEN
SUBJECT: CONGRESSIONAL REQUEST

REF: STATE 89771, MILAN 0608 AND ROME 5875

1. AS REPORTED IN MILAN AND ROME REFTELS MONTESSORI WAS ARRESTED ON APRIL 1 ON CHARGES OF CONTRAVENING ITALIAN FOREIGN EXCHANGE CONTROL REGULATIONS AND IS PRESENTLY BEING HELD IN JAIL IN BRINDISI. IN ACCORDANCE WITH STANDARD ITALIAN PENAL PROCEDURE AN INQUIRY IS NOW BEING CONDUCTED BY AN INVESTIGATIVE MAGISTRATE TO DETERMINE WHETHER CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE CASE JUSTIFY AN ORDER THAT MONTESSORI (A) STAND TRIAL OR (B) BE RELEASED FOR LACK OF EVIDENCE OR BECAUSE THERE IS NO BASIS FOR THE CHARGES BROUGHT AGAINST HIM. EMBASSY CANNOT DETERMINE AT THIS STAGE WHEN MAGISTRATE'S DECISION WILL BE MADE. IT IS, INCIDENTALLY, OUR UNDERSTANDING THAT MONTESSORI IS ADEQUATELY REPRESENTED BY COMPETENT ATTORNEYS.

2. SINCE MONTESSORI IS AN ITALIAN CITIZEN EMPLOYED BY A FIRM INCORPORATED IN ITALY THERE IS NO LEGAL BASIS FOR OFFICIAL EMBASSY INTERVENTION ON HIS BEHALF.

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NEVERTHELESS, BECAUSE OF THE STRONG AMERICAN INVESTOR INTEREST IN HIS CASE (DOW USA HAS AN 80 PERCENT HOLDING IN GRUPPO LEPETIT) WE MADE ARRANGEMENTS FOR DOW OFFICIALS TO SEE THE UNDERSECRETARY OF THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE IN ORDER TO PROVIDE DOW AN OPPORTUNITY TO PRESENT INFORMATION RELATING TO CHARGE OF ILLEGALLY EXPORTING FOREIGN EXCHANGE. WE HAVE ALSO DISCREETLY CALLED

MATTER TO ATTENTION OF OTHER SENIOR GOI OFFICIALS.

3. THE DEPARTMENT WILL BE KEPT FULLY INFORMED OF
DEVELOPMENTS IN THIS CASE.GARDNER

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